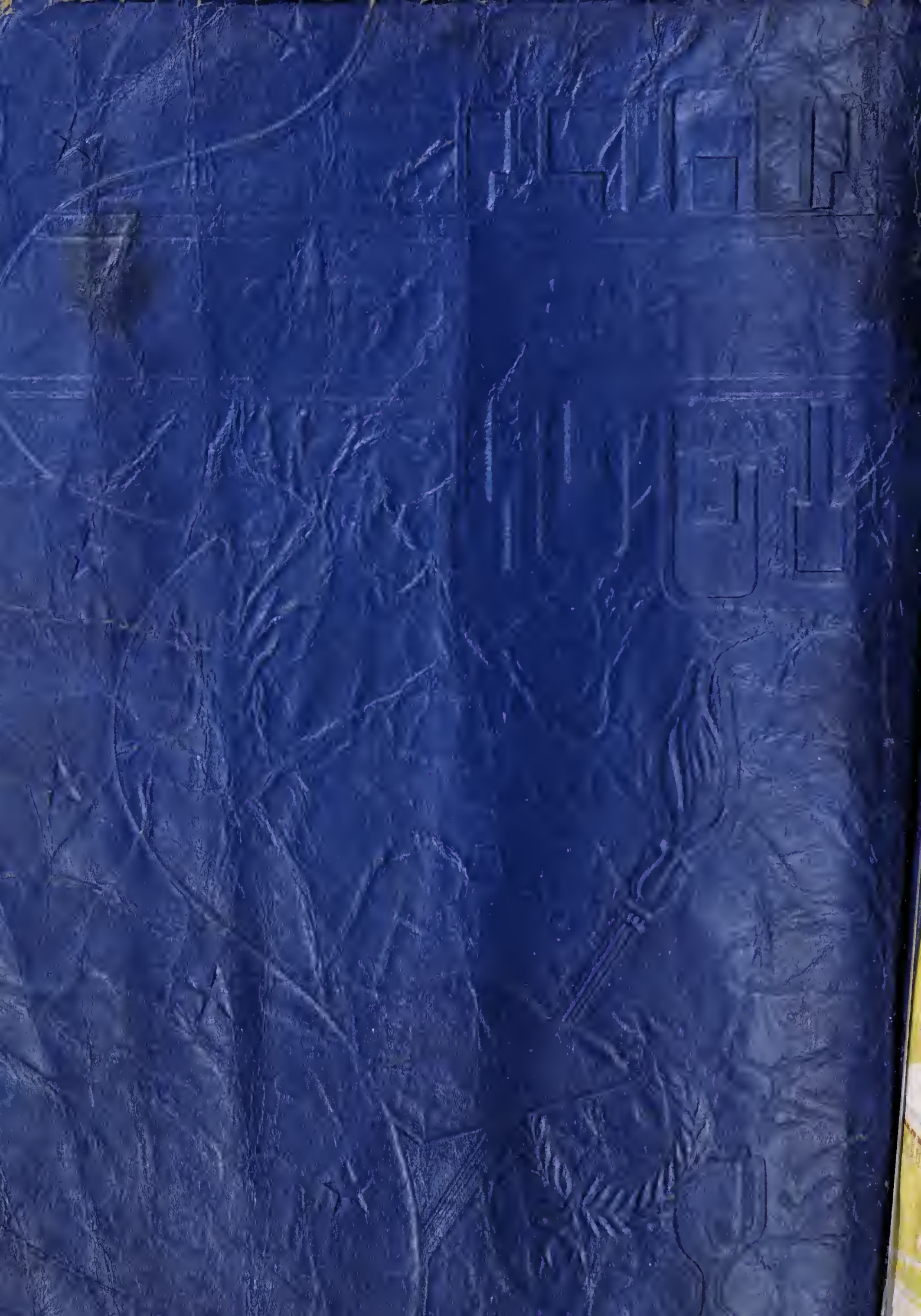


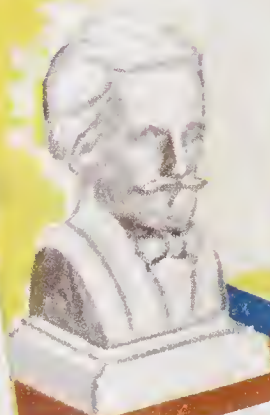
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Foreword



May you who glance through or digest completely this—
the journalistic and pictorial Attic of Memoirs of the
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sojourn within the noble portals of this our Alma Mater
and to everybody, many thanks for everything.

IN MEMORY OF OUR CLASSMATES



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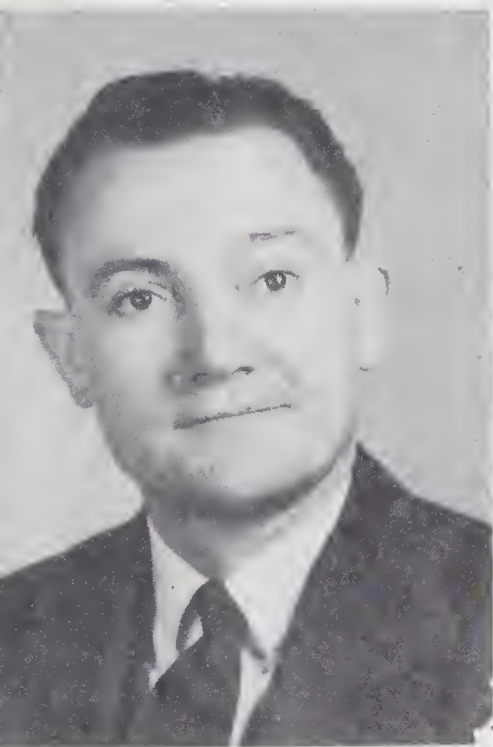
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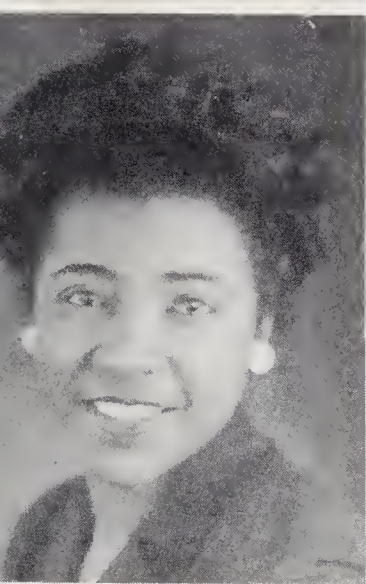
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Hoping that this dedication will forever serve as a reminder of our humble but sincere appreciation for her most excellent teaching ability, wholesome guidance and enduring faith in the democratic philosophy of education, we, the Class of 1951, do hereby gratuitously dedicate this edition of "The Tiger" to ---

Miss Mary Ellen Stephens

Class History

On September 4, 1947 our class entered high school to start on a long hard journey to higher education. Unaware of the many obstacles to be encountered, we started this trip with joyous hearts for four years. Our general idea of high school was "just a little better elementary school." The first days of our high school life were spent, for the most part, in getting acquainted with high school routines. The senior-classmen were most willing to help us and, within a little while, we began to feel at home in our new abode. The next days, however, were quite different, by this time, most of us were acquainted with high school life. Soon classes began and we realized that our carefree, idle days were over. We also learned that failure is easier to achieve than success. Several of the students were unable to withstand the obstacle and dropped along the wayside, leaving the most ambitious ones to travel farther. As we settled down to study, we looked forward to the holidays, because that meant we would have a good deal of rest for the exams that followed. Then came the exams and when we returned to school, from Christmas vacation. For once during the whole school term, the dining was quiet and the halls were empty because all the students were behind closed doors they were studying.

We began the second semester a little more seriously than we did the first. This was our first year of organized football. We were represented by Willie Clay, Marion Davis, and J. Mitchum. On the boys basketball team we had Willie J. Smith, Robert Shelton and Billie Smith. On the girls basketball team we were represented by Fannie

Another week of exams ended our first mile of the way. We had been attached to each other, so with tears in our eyes, dried only by the returning in the fall, we parted.

In the fall of '48 we registered as sophomores. Our being sophomores was a matter of adjustment. We planned a trip to the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

In the fall of '49 we registered as juniors, looking forward to the junior-senior prom, which occupied most of our time during the spring.

My how time flew, and here we were beginning the last mile of the way. Those of us who withstood the storm thus far feel proud to know that we have just about completed our journey. For some of us it means the end; for others the beginning, but whatever our lot, we fear no trail and will continue to move on.

Now, as we stand on the threshold, we say farewell to our teachers, classmates and friends.

To our Teachers: We have proven and will prove that your labor you have put forth shall not be in vain.

To our classmates: The joys we have shared will linger in our memories to remind us of our stay here.

To our friends: Our chain shall not be broken, but strengthened.

So with our motto in mind:

To strive, to seek, to find, but not to yield, we now face the world, and the history of the Class of 1950 goes down on record. Yet for us it is only the beginning and not the end.

Signed:

Marjorie Ann Hodges
Thema Ferguson

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Wittest-----	Willie Clay Susie Norman
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Best looking-----	Billy Greene Edith Waters
Best dressed-----	Robert Shelton Edith Waters
Most popular-----	Bertha Logan Billie Greene
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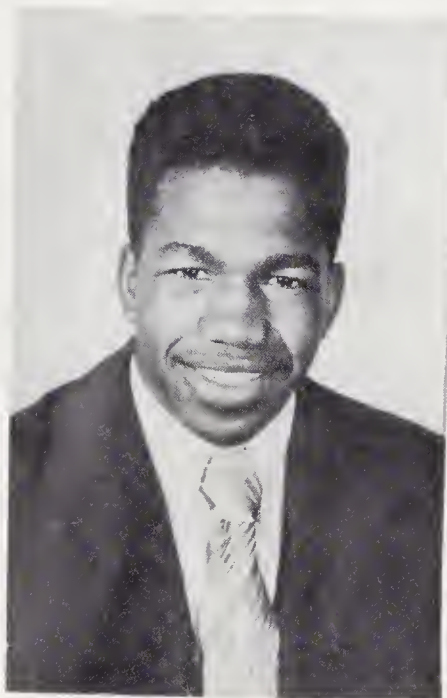


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"Snake"
English Club; Varsity

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"Marg"
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WILLIE ROY CLAY
Varsity; English Club
Dramatic Club; Sr.
Class, Pres.; Editor of
Year Book.



WILLIE MAE COOLEY
"Sweets"
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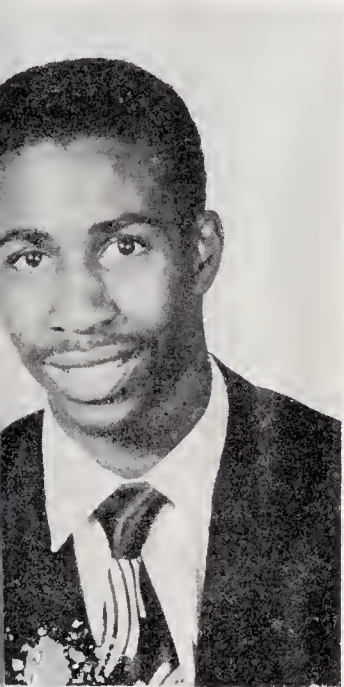
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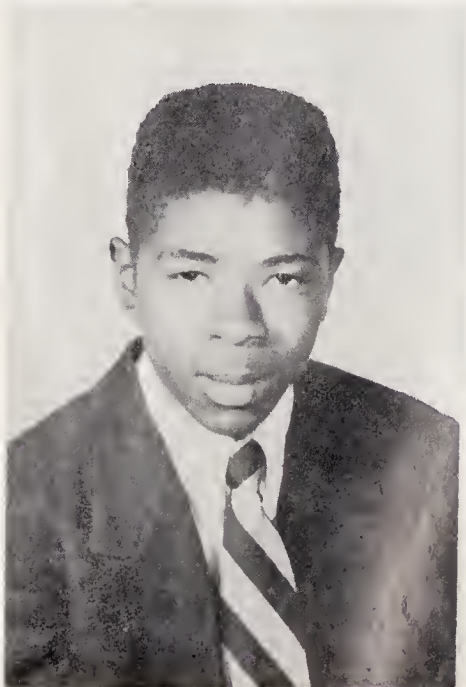
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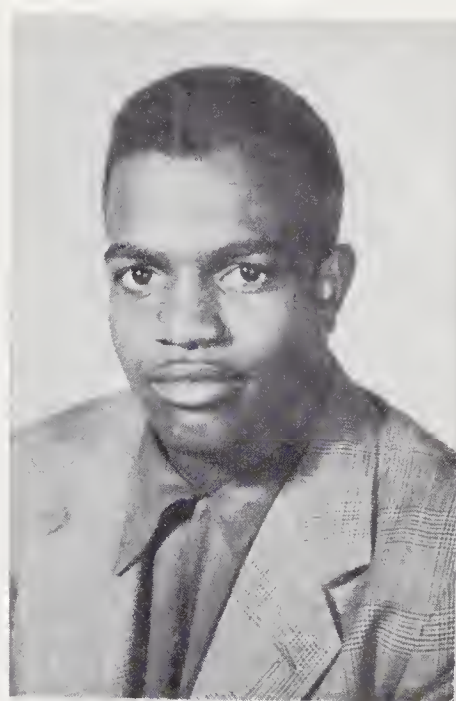
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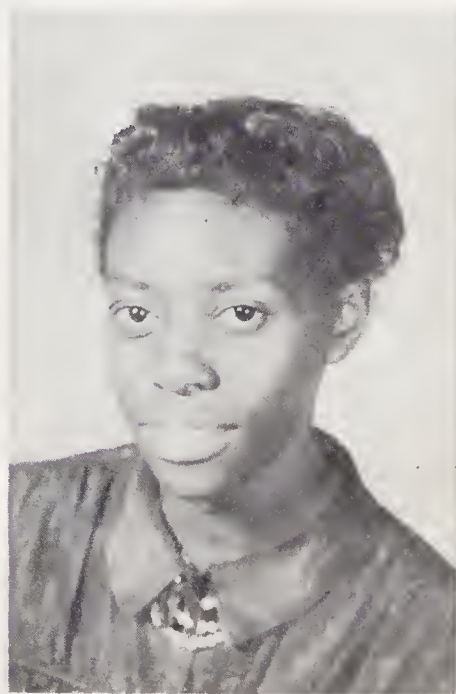
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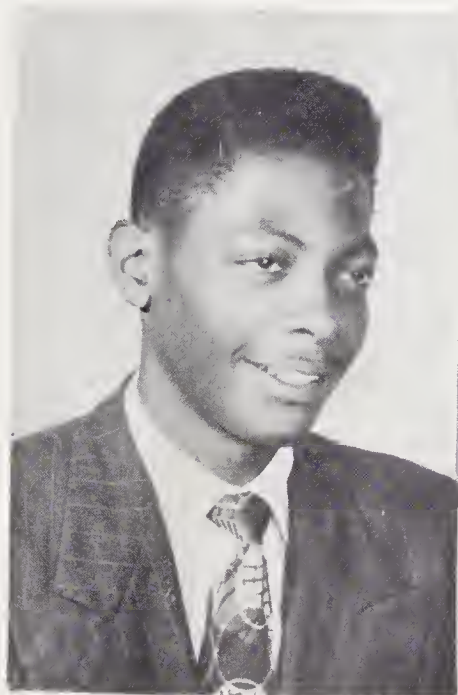
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English Club



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"Ginny"
"Not at the top,
but climbing."
Library Club;
Dramatic Club;
Cheering Squad.



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English Club; Varsity



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JOAN YOUNG
" Joe "
Glee Club; English Club.



Last Will and Testament

We, the Senior Class of Ninth Ave. High School, 1951, being in full possession of our mental faculties and free from force, do hereby devise, do bequeath and convey our various school day possessions to the person herein after mentioned; to be held by them in full possession throughout the length of their connection with Ninth Ave. High.

Article I

To the citizens of Hendersonville, we leave a beautiful vote of appreciation for the many courtesies bestowed upon us during our high school days in this city.

Article II

To the entire faculty of Hendersonville High School, we leave a vote of heartfelt thanks for their over present aide in our efforts to learn to live.

Article III

To the Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen classes we will an equal number of the numerous enjoyments that we have had besides the use of the " new school " when it is completed.

Article IV.

1. To Pearlie M. Suber, Fannie McKenzie bequeaths her ability to play basketball.
2. Thema Ferguson conveys her height to Thurman Robinson.
3. Joan Young wills her feet and hair to Audrey Simmons.
4. It is a request that Mary Hauser receives Marjorie Ann Hodges' legs.
5. To be sure that Larwence Ivy is in good hands Susie Norman wills him to Pauline Wynn.
6. Ofelisher Jackson wills her quietness to Jessie M. Smith.
7. Margaret Cash bequeath her hair styles to Selah Brooks.
8. Willie Mae Cooley wills her looks to Nancy Perryman.
9. Vessie Owens conveys her smallness to Eleanor Haynes.
10. Mary Gill Brooks leaves her shape to Arzula Green.
11. The handsomeness of Billie Greene will go to George Wilks.
12. Jeanette Smith wills her penmanship to Ruth Peak.



- I3. Robert Shelton wills his shoulders to Johnny Williams.
- I4. Emma Littlejohn conveys her hair to Bessie Glover.
- I5. Edith Waters wills her height to Bobby Simmons.
- I6. The ability to play basket ball will go to Thurman Robinson from Willie Clay.
- I7. Jesse Ferguson wills his physique to Alfred Mitchum and to Johnny Williams he leaves his romantic ways.
- I8. The seat of "class sleeper" will go to Ida Avery from George Hutchinson.
- I9. Willis Richardson wills his height to George Owens and his looks to Wm. Johnson.
20. It has been a special request of Paul Kirby that his hair be left to Billie Rawlinson.
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- 2I. In order that Clifford Shelton may sing better Marion Davis leaves him a voice.
22. The job of class president goes to Samuel Suber from Major Littlejohn.
23. Willie James Mitchum wills his ability to play football to Alvin Gash and his love to Joan Cooley.
24. Bertha Logan wills her lips to Dreamy Summey and her hips to Edith Cash.

We do hereby charge the Junion Class to execute our last will and testament.

Testators:

Bessie E. Owens
Willie R. Clay

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PROPHECY

Jeanette Smith and Fannie M. McKenzie have been working steadily since Oct. 1950 on several elements of an and un-human wise and other-ness. Having come into the possession of a vast amount of wealth, they decided to tour the United States and gather information and research on their class mates in order they know better than they anyone else. Their research concern success and failure in Hendersonville we boarded a train to New York City. Where very fortunately one of the first persons we saw was William Greene Jr. who is now manager of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. From him we learned that Marjorie Ann Hodges was touring Europe as a Concert Artist. We learned too, that Edith Waters was a Medical Education instructor at Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C. After learning this we decided to contact some of our classmates who lived in New Jersey. In Atlantic City, we stopped at a fashionable dress shop which was owned and operated by Willie Mae Cooley. Here we found data leading to the whereabouts of more of our classmates. We learned from Willie Mae, that Willie Clay was designing a car for General Motors. She also mentioned the fact that Thema C. Ferguson was head nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. We also learned that Willie James was playing professional football with the Harlem Globetrotters. To our luck there was a train the following night in the city of Washington featuring The Globetrotters and the Capital City team. So we naturally decided to

meet them the halve- we were able to converse with Willie James and we learned that Emma Jane Johnson was mathematics instructor at Sims High in Union, N.C. We also learned that Vessie Owens was proclaimed "Worlds tallest woman". To our amazement we also learned that Bertha Logan was a professor at Wilbforce Univer-

sity. While listening to this, we noticed there were some familiar faces in the crowd. Especially four persons whom we least expected to see. Guess who they were? - Mary Gill Brooks, Bobby Shelton, Marion Davis, and Ofelisher Jackson. After discussing past experiences we learned that each of them had served on the staff of the popular Ebony Magazine. After learning this we were determined to learn more. So we made a date to see each other the following day. We were informed that Margaret Cash was a member of Katherine Dunnham's dance troupe and Joan Young was personal secretary to F.D. Bluford, Pres. of A&T College. We learned that Major Littlejohn was president of Morehouse College in Atlanta. Being satisfied with the information we decided to attend a dance featuring Buddy Johnson. We had no knowledge of the surprise in store for us at intermission!!! to our bewilderment Susie Mae Norman was crowned "Miss Bronze America" by Buddy Johnson himself of course we were among the hundreds who rushed up to congratulate her. She was as much surprised to see us as we were to see her. She invited us to her lavishly furnished apartment. She talked about her exciting experiences and didn't hesitate to mention the fact that Jesse Ferguson was starring in motion pictures for M-G-M. She also said "George Hutchinson had won the Nobel Prize for succeeding to negotiate peace between the wise and unwise". After gaining this store of information we were bubbling over with excitement of our Classmates Achievements. Our next thought was to return home and tell the home folk of our wonderful adventure.

Prophets
Jeanette Smith
Fannie Mae McKenzie



JUNIORS



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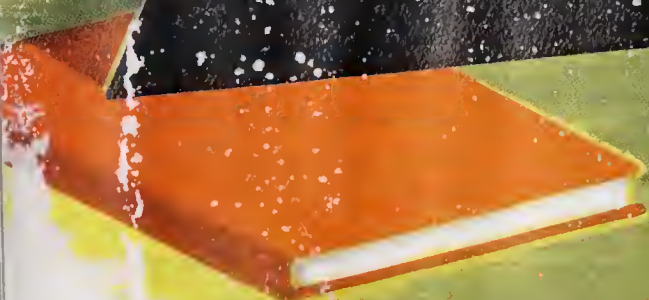
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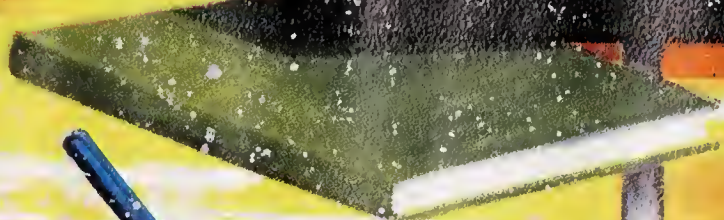
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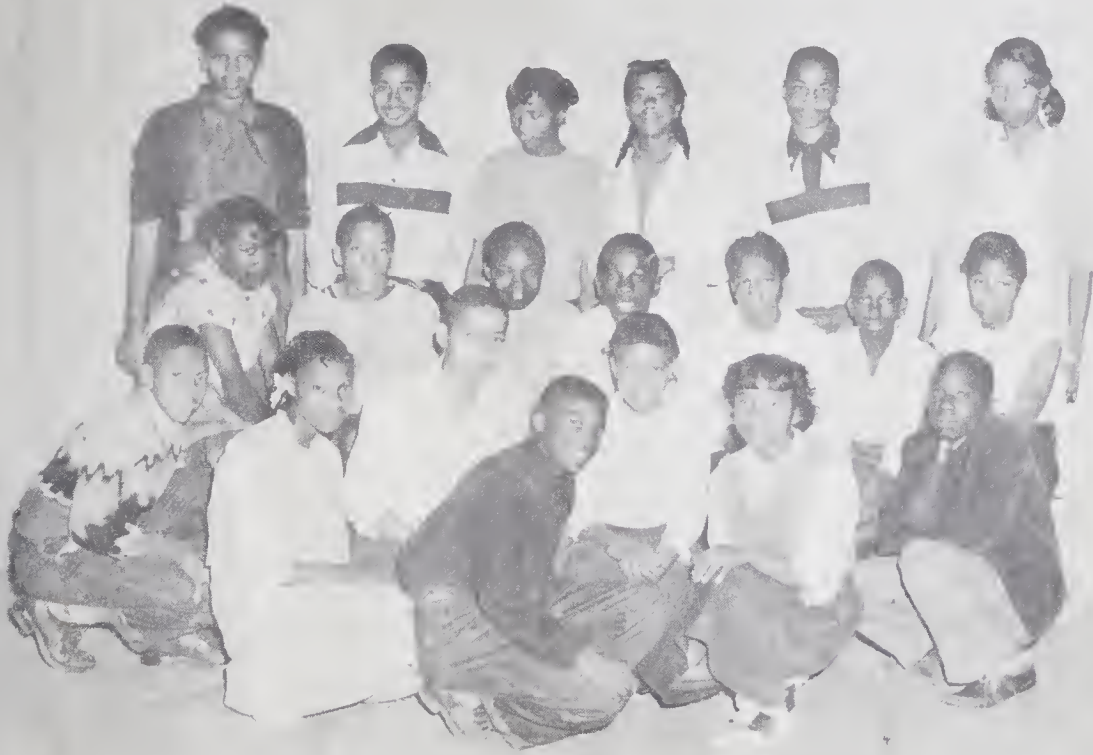
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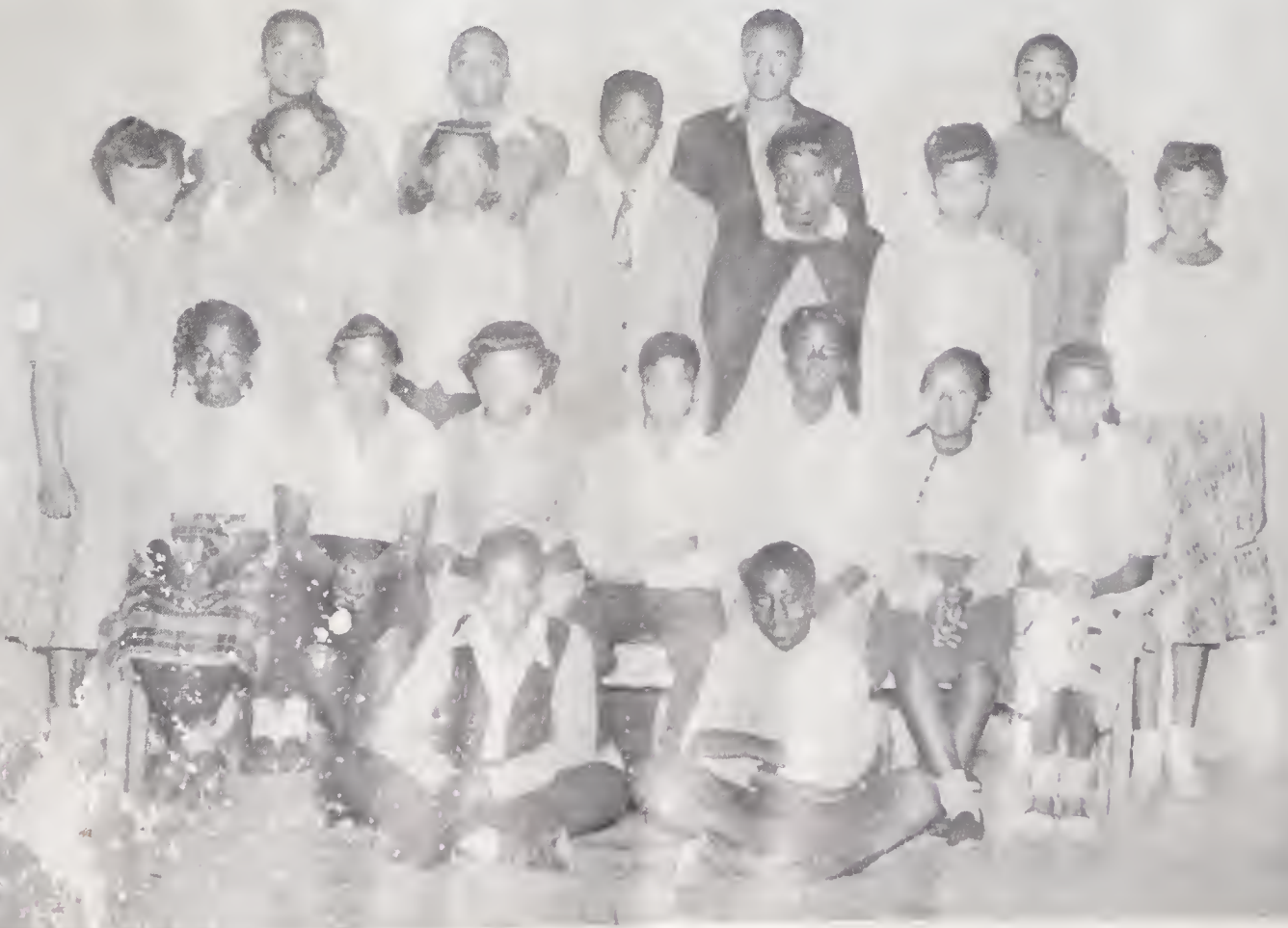


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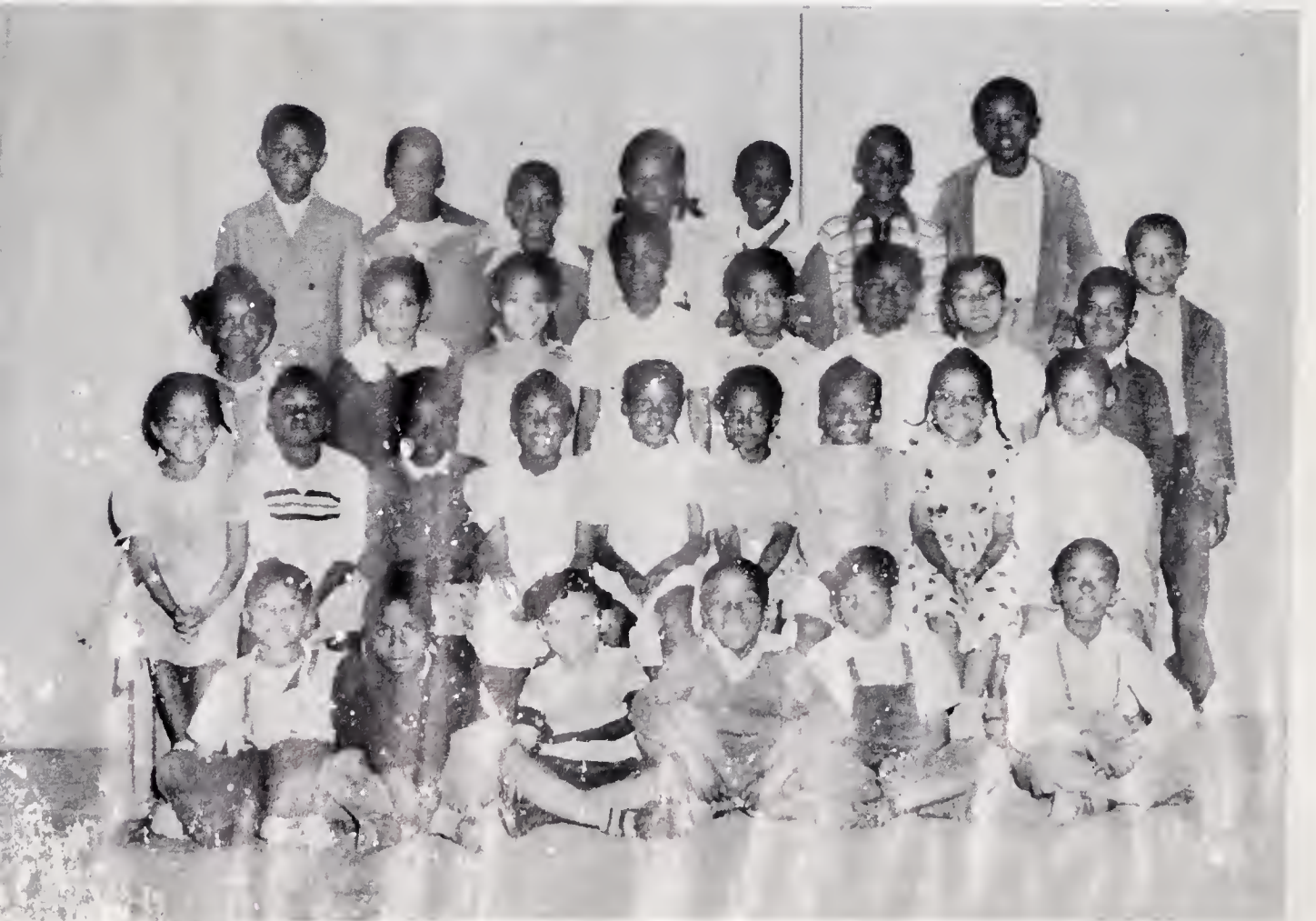
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John R. Marable, Coach



OUR CHEERLEADERS



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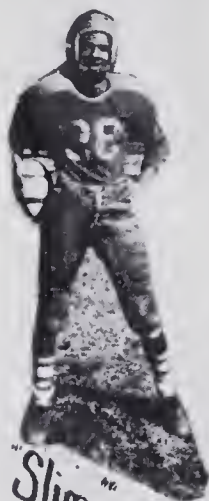


Bertha

AMONG OUR PLAYERS



"Bobby"



"Slim"



"Steve"



"Ben Lo"



"Snake"



"Levee"



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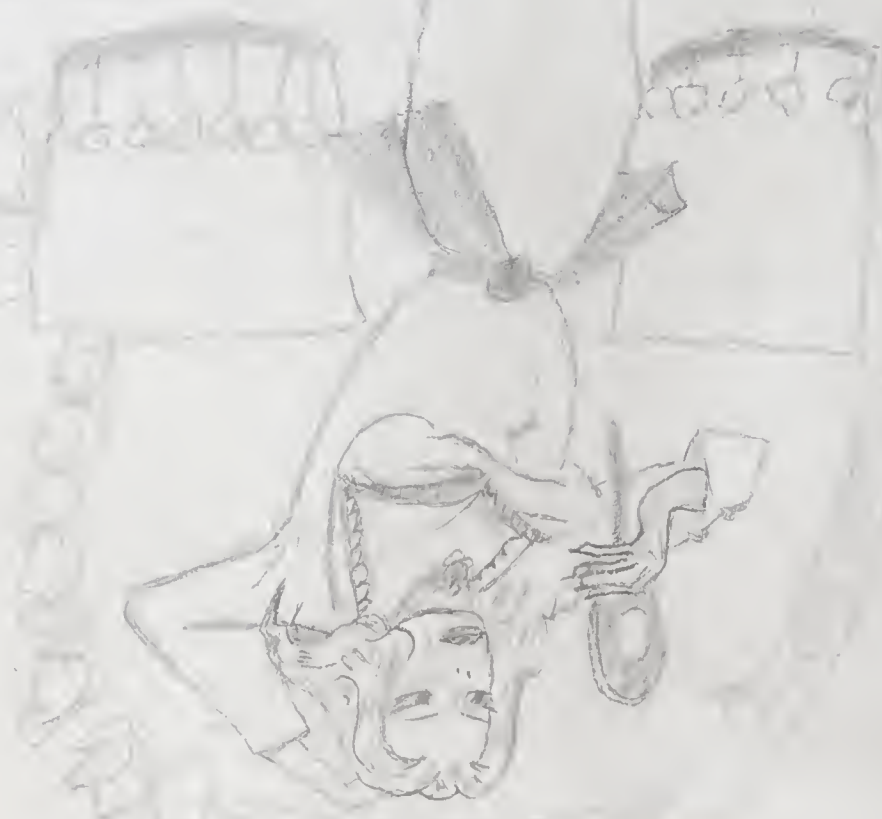
Signed:

Willie Ray Clay
Marjorie Ann Hodges



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